GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 36.70 Ha of forest land in Kadapa Division for construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT1 and CKT2) LILO of Kurnool – Tiruveliam Line, in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Kadapa – Final (Stage-II) approval accorded.

ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.15 **Dated.08.04.2022**
Read the following:-

1) From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.No.30/2016/FCA-3, dt.07.08.2017.
2) State Govt.Lr.No.3417/Section-II/2017, EFS&T (Sec.II) dept., dt.05.09.2017.
3) From the GoI, MoEF&CC,R.O., Chennai, Lr.No.4-APC042/2017-CHN/1600, dt.05.10.2017.
4) From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P.,Lr.Rc.No.15035/1/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.14.01.2019.
5) State Govt.Lr.No.3417/Section-II/2017, EFS&T (Sec.II) dept., dt.07.02.2019.
6) From the GoI, MoEF&CC, R.O., Chennai, Lr.F.No.4-APC042/2017-CHN/0594, dt.09.04.2019.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion 36.70 Ha of forest land in Kadapa Division for construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT1 and CKT2) LILO of Kurnool – Tiruveliam Line, in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Kadapa and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai for according necessary approval in the matter.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Chennai for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein. Accordingly, in the letter 5th read above, State Government furnished compliance report on the Stage-I conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Chennai and requested to accord Final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 36.70 Ha of forest land in Kadapa Division for construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT1 and CKT2) LILO of Kurnool – Tiruveliam Line, in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Kadapa, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

5. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 36.70 Ha of forest land in Kadapa Division for construction of 765 KV D/C KV Transmission Line (CKT1 and CKT2) LILO of Kurnool – Tiruveliam Line, in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Kadapa, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;

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ii. The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 74.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compt.No. 184, Eddupenta RF in Dhone Range, Compt.No.57 of Tuggali RF and Compt.No.55 of Pendakal RF in Adoni Range of Kurnool Division from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

iii. The degraded forest land identified for CA and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;

iv. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

v. The State Forest Department shall carry out plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

vi. The height of the transmission line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to normal level;

vii. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

ix. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;

x. The User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the line is passing, as per the assessment of DFO, Kadapa Forest Division;

xi. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xii. Only 73 numbers of trees in Circuit I and 99 numbers of trees in circuit II shall be removed for the project and all efforts shall be taken to minimize the removal of trees from the proposed forest area and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of User Agency;

xiii. The User Agency and the State Forest Department shall ensure compliance to Ministry's earlier guidelines F.No.7-25/2012-FC, dated 5th May, 2014 and 19th September, 2014 and guidelines specific to transmission line projects as per the hand book, 2019 released by the Ministry and provisions of the all Acts, Rules Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;

xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 36.70 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xv. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;

xvi. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Kadapa Division in Sl.No.12 (v) (a) of part II i.e., 410.32 ha of forest land and 156.02 ha of non-forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;

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xvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl.PCCF (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;

xviii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the Regional Office, regularly;

xix. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the ADGF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
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SPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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